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SUBJECT: HIS MAJESTY ANNOUNCES A NEW PRIME MINISTER

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1. KING PHUMIPHON ADUNYADET BROADCAST OVER TELEVISION
AT 1930 OCTOBER 14 THAT THANOM KITTAKACHORN HAD
RESIGNED AS PRIME MINISTER. THE KING APPOINTED
JUDGE SANYA THAMMASAK IN HIS PLACE. JUDGE SANYA HAS BEEN
SERVING AS THAMMASAT UNIVERSITY RECTOR AND A MEMBER OF THE
PRIVY COUNCIL.

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2. FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE

KING'S SPEECH:

"TODAY IS THE SADDEST DAY IN THE HISTORY OF THAILAND. DURING THE LAST SIX TO SEVEN DAYS, THERE WERE DEMANDS MADE AND NEGOTIATIONS CONDUCTED TO THE STAGE WHERE AGREEMENTS WERE REACHED. BUT THE THROWING OF BOTTLE-BOMBS AND USE OF TEAR GAS BROUGHT ABOUT CLASHES, RESULTING IN MANY CASUALTIES. THE DEGREE OF VIOLENCE HAS INCREASED TO THE RIOT STAGE, AND IS STILL GOING ON. SOME 100 THAI HAVE DIED. I ASK EVERYBODY CONCERNED TO TRY TO ERADICATE THE CAUSE OF VIOLENCE THROUGH THE USE OF MENTAL AWARENESS, IN ORDER TO NORMALIZE THE SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALSO, IN ORDER TO ERADICATE THE CAUSE OF THESE BAD INCIDENTS, FIELD MARSHAL THANOM HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AS PRIME MINISTER THIS EVENING. HB THEREFORE APPOINTED SANYA THAMMASAK AS THE PRIME MINISTER. I URGE EVERY FACTION, AND EVERYBODY CONCERNED TO GIVE SUPPORT TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT SO THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT CAN DISCHARGE ITS DUTIES TO MAXIMUM CAPABILITY, RESTORE THE SITUATION TO NORMAL, AND BRING ABOUT PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS TO THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY."

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